

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council, We are writing in support of Council File #21-0263, a motion exploring different approaches on how to make our largest public space - our sidewalks and streets - more comfortable, dignified and safe. Los Angeles Walks is a community organizing nonprofit that envisions Los Angeles as a vibrant city where Angelenos of all ages, ethnicities, incomes, and abilities are able to walk or move safely through their neighborhoods. For us, a walkable LA is a just LA. In the past year, our public spaces from our sidewalks to our subway stations have become places of such anxiety as we all try to socially distance and keep one another safe. Even before the pandemic, walking in LA was never an easy experience. Whether it's waiting free of harassment at a bus stop or having enough street lighting to feel confident walking, LA's pedestrians and their mobility have always deserved greater priority. And as we see the disturbing rise of Asian Americans hate crimes on our streets, we must make it clear that everyone deserves to walk without fear. And so, we are encouraged by and write in support of the Safety for Vulnerable Populations in Public Spaces motion. It is time we uplift the experience of those who walk and roll on our streets, especially for women, seniors, and our children. We look forward to seeing the City's recommendations on the different soft approaches to making our streets harassment free and a safe place to build community. Thank you!

March 29, 2021

Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Sincerely,



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